

## HAMPTON ROADS TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION BOARD RESOLUTION 2011-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE HAMPTON ROADS TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION ENDORSING THE HRTPO TITLE VI PLAN.

**WHEREAS**, the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) is the metropolitan planning organization designated by the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia as the responsible body for the urban transportation planning process for the Hampton Roads metropolitan planning area;

**WHEREAS**, Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act provides that no person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance;

**WHEREAS**, the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 broadened the scope of Title VI coverage by expanding the definition of terms "program or activities" to include all programs or activities of Federal-aid recipients, subrecipients, and consultants, whether such programs or activities are federally funded or not;

**WHEREAS**, subsequent laws and Presidential Executive Orders added handicap, sex, age or income status to the criteria for which discrimination is prohibited;

**WHEREAS**, the HRTPO, as a sub-recipient of Federal financial assistance, is required to comply with Title VI and subsequent nondiscrimination laws;

**WHEREAS**, the HRTPO Title VI Plan is incorporated in the metropolitan transportation planning process as part of the Unified Planning Work Program and Public Participation Plan which identify the planning strategies and activities to be undertaken by the HRTPO to reach out to minority, low-income and Limited English Proficiency populations; and

**WHEREAS**, the HRTPO Title VI Plan ensures the HRTPO is in compliance with nondiscrimination requirements as outlined in Title 23 CFR and 49 CFR and related laws and provides specific information on how to file a nondiscrimination complaint.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization endorses the HRTPO Title VI Plan.

**APPROVED and ADOPTED** by the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization Board at its meeting on the 21st day of April, 2011.

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